# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OFFICE OF FOSSIL ENERGY

ENTERPRISE PRODUCTS OPERATING L.P. ) FE DOCKET NO. 08-123-NG

# ORDER GRANTING BLANKET AUTHORIZATION TO EXPORT NATURAL GAS TO CANADA

DOE/FE ORDER NO. 2578

OCTOBER 22, 2008

## I. DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST

On October 3, 2008, Enterprise Products Operating L.P. (EPO) filed an application with the Office of Fossil Energy (FE) of the Department of Energy (DOE), under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), for blanket authorization to export up to 20 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas to Canada. The applicant requests the authorization be granted for a two-year term beginning on the date this Order is issued. EPO is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Houston, Texas.

### II. FINDING

The application has been evaluated to determine if the proposed import and export arrangement meets the public interest requirement of section 3 of the NGA, as amended by section 201 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-486). Under section 3(c), the import and export of natural gas, including liquefied natural gas (LNG), from and to a nation with which there is in effect a free trade agreement requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas and the import of LNG from other international sources are deemed to be consistent with the public interest and must be granted without modification or delay. The authorization sought by EPO to export natural gas to Canada, a nation with which a free trade agreement is in effect, meets the section 3(c) criterion and, therefore, is consistent with the public interest. This Order authorizes transactions with terms of no longer than two years.

<sup>1/15</sup> U.S.C. § 717b. This authority is delegated to the Assistant Secretary for FE pursuant to Redelegation Order No. 00.002.04C (January 30, 2007).

<sup>2/</sup> EPO also has blanket authorization to import natural gas from Canada and Mexico, to export natural gas to Mexico, and to import LNG from various international sources that was in DOE/FE Order No. 2401 on September 11, 2007, and extends through September 14, 2009 (2 FE ¶ 71,500).

#### ORDER

Pursuant to section 3 of the NGA, it is ordered that:

- A. EPO is authorized to export up to 20 Bcf of natural gas to Canada, pursuant to transactions that have terms of no longer than two years. This authorization shall be effective for a two-year term beginning on October 22, 2008, and extends through October 21, 2010.
- B. This natural gas may be exported at any point on the border between the United States and Canada.
- C. Monthly Reports: With respect to the natural gas exports authorized by this Order, EPO shall file with the Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities, within 30 days following the last day of each calendar month, a report indicating whether exports of natural gas have been made. Monthly reports must be filed whether or not initial deliveries have begun. If no exports have been made, a report of "no activity" for that month must be filed. If exports of natural gas have occurred, the report must give the following details: (1) the country of destination; (2) the point(s) of exit; and (4) the volume in thousand cubic feet (Mcf); (5) the average purchase price of gas per million British thermal units (MMBtu) at the international border; (6) the name of the supplier(s); (7) the name of the U.S. transporter(s); and (8) the estimated or actual duration of the supply agreement(s). [OMB No.: 1901-0294]
- D. The first monthly report required by this Order is due not later than November 30, 2008, and should cover the monthly reporting period from October 22, 2008 through October 31, 2008.

E. All monthly report filings shall be made to U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34), Office of Fossil Energy, Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities, P.O. Box 44375, Washington, D.C. 20026-4375 Attention: Ms. Yvonne Caudillo. Alternatively, reports may be e-mailed to Ms. Caudillo at <a href="Yvonne.caudillo@hq.doe.gov">Yvonne.caudillo@hq.doe.gov</a> or <a href="majoreports@hq.doe.gov">ngreports@hq.doe.gov</a>, or may be faxed to Ms. Caudillo at (202) 586-6050.

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